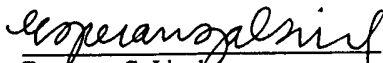


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Serial No.: **09/881,239**

Group Art Unit: **1632**

Filed : **06/14/2001**

Examiner: **To be assigned**

For : **HCV ANTIGEN/ANTIBODY COMBINATION ASSAY**

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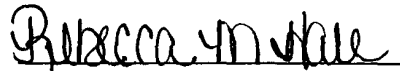
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Dated: January 17, 2002

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DECLARATION FOR PATENT APPLICATION

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

HCV ANTIGEN/ANTIBODY COMBINATION ASSAY

the specification of which (check one) is attached hereto x was filed on June 14, 2001, as Application Serial No. 09/881,239, and was amended on (if applicable).

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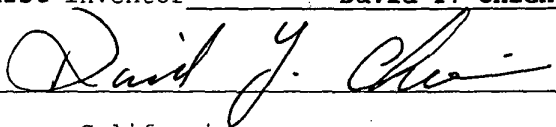
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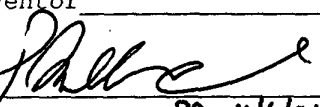
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<u>Application</u>		<u>Status</u>
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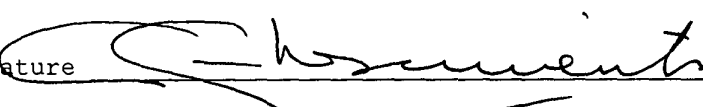
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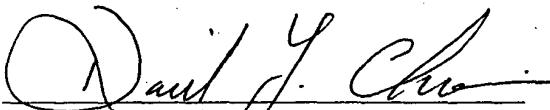
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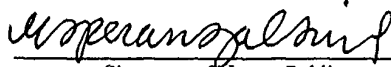
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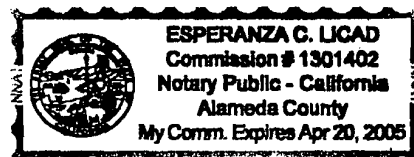

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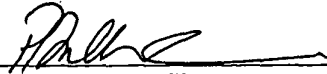

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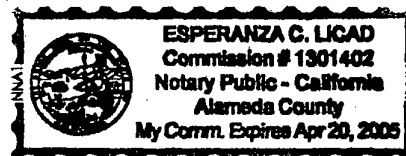
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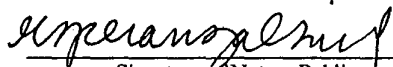

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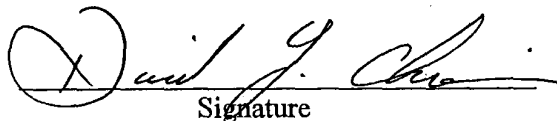
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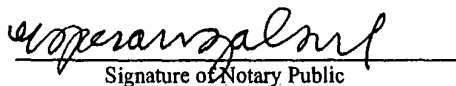
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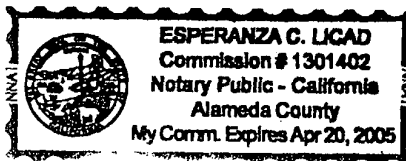

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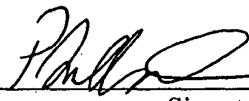

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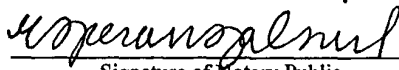
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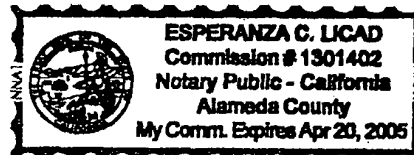

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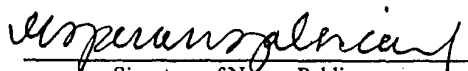
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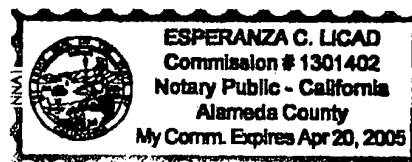

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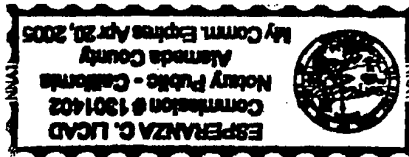
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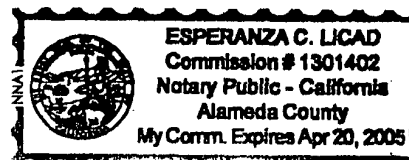
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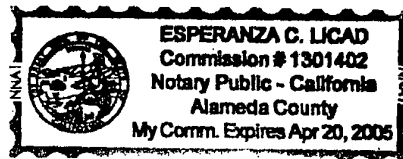
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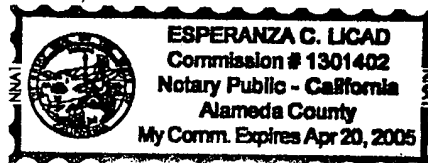
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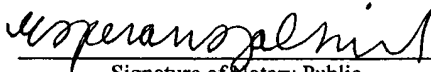
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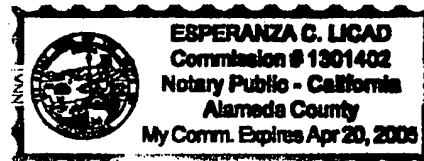

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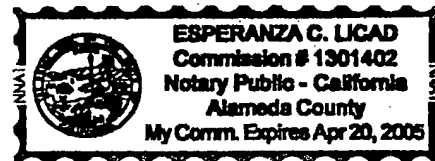
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On Dec 4, 2001 before me, **Esperanza C. Licad, Notary Public**, personally appeared **Carlos George-Nascimento**, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that he executed the same in his authorized capacity, and that by his signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

[Signature]
Signature of Notary Public



Place Notary Seal Above

Inventor: DORIS COIT

DATE 11/5/01

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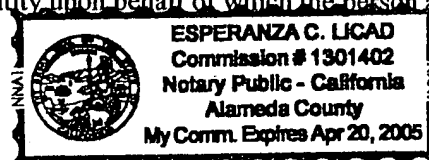
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On Nov 5, 2001 before me, **Esperanza C. Licad, Notary Public**, personally appeared **Doris Coit**, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same in her authorized capacity, and that by her signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

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Signature of Notary Public



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Inventor: ANGELICA MEDINA-SELBY

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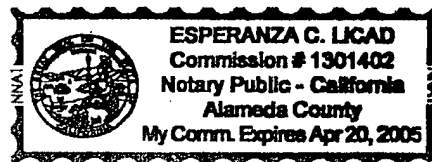
Angelica Medina-Selby
Signature

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On Nov 5, 2001 before me, Esperanza C. Licad, Notary Public, personally appeared Angelica Medina-Selby, proved to me on the basis of satisfactory evidence to be the person whose name is subscribed to the within instrument and acknowledged to me that she executed the same in her authorized capacity, and that by her signature on the instrument the person, or the entity upon behalf of which the person acted, executed the instrument.

WITNESS my hand and official seal.

Esperanza C. Licad
Signature of Notary Public



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